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Biggert Joins White House Call for a Balanced Energy Policy

New Plan to Produce More Reliable, Affordable, and Environmentally Clean Energy

Washington, DC – U.S. Representative Judy Biggert (R-IL13) today welcomed a plan announced by President George W. Bush to establish a comprehensive national energy policy.

“For too long, America has been without an energy policy and all of us in Illinois have felt the effects – high gasoline prices and high natural gas prices,” said Biggert. “President Bush has presented the country with a plan that addresses our energy challenges. We have always had the ingenuity, the ability, and the resources to do this – now we have the leadership.”

The President’s plan contains 105 specific recommendations. Particular emphasis is placed on expanding conservation by increasing funding for energy efficiency programs, encouraging the development of fuel-efficient vehicles, and creating tax credits to encourage consumer conservation.

“What I especially like about the President’s plan is that he puts the emphasis on using advanced technology to expand and diversify our energy supply while reducing our energy demand,” said Biggert. “A perfect example is right here in DuPage County where Argonne National Laboratory is developing ways to increase auto efficiency through the Partnership for a New Generation Vehicle and ways to cleanly and efficiently dispose of the most dangerous nuclear waste.”

“Americans want affordable energy and a clean and safe environment, and yet, because we’ve ignored technology, we act as though the two are mutually exclusive,” added Biggert. “We can have both at the same time if we put technology to work and cut some of the ‘70s-style government red tape that has stifled the development of new supplies and infrastructure.”

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